




SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM

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Summer Food Rocks!


HISTORY

- ▶ 2015 marks the 40th anniversary of the federally funded Summer Food Service Program.
 - ▶ The SFSP was created to “fill the gap” by providing meals to needy children during summer vacation.
 - ▶ For many children school breakfast and school lunch are the only meals that they eat during the day.
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Open Park Site
Food Bank of Northern Nevada

NEVADA

- ▶ SFSP in Nevada has not kept up with the huge increase in population.
 - ▶ The biggest gap is in Clark County where the number of children qualifying for free and reduced price meals continues to grow with over 58% (186,717) of the Clark County School District enrollment eligible for free and reduced price meals in 2014–15.
 - ▶ Northern Nevada still has room to increase meal sites and participation but the gap is not as wide.
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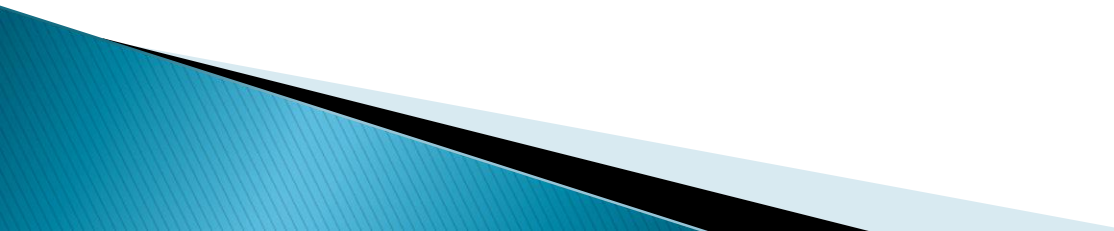
TOTAL MEALS

| YEAR | SPONSORS | SITES | BREAKFAST | LUNCH | SNACKS | TOTAL MEALS |
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| 2010 | 30 | 109 | 109,949 | 307,693 | 39,335 | 456,977 |
| 2011 | 33 | 125 | 106,870 | 300,481 | 34,103 | 407,351 |
| 2012 | 31 | 127 | 109,895 | 317,094 | 19,944 | 446,933 |
| 2013 | 37 | 175 | 136,418 | 339,578 | 13,596 | 489,592 |
| 2014 | 36 | 247 | 174,067 | 371,173 | 16,266 | 561,506 |


CHALLENGES

- ▶ In order to increase participation, the following are needed:
 - more sponsors
 - more sites
 - more extensive outreach (media and school districts)
 - support/endorsement from elected officials
 - collaboration with community partners

ADDRESSING THE CHALLENGES

- ▶ **USDA State Targeted Assistance Project**
 - ▶ Started in FY13 to assist states in expanding their SFSP
 - ▶ Nevada joined the project in FY14
 - ▶ USDA provided a technical assistance team to assist states in increasing participation by increasing the number of sponsors and meal sites
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▶ 2014 Technical Assistance

- ▶ Formed statewide SFSP partner group – invited local governments, SFSP sponsors, USDA Rural development, state and local elected officials, school district representatives, advocacy groups
 - ▶ Wrote and implemented a Nevada State Summer Meal Plan
 - ▶ USDA representatives contacted state and local elected officials to encourage support of SFSP
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- ▶ USDA Undersecretary Kevin Concannon attend SFSP kick-off event in Las Vegas
 - ▶ USDA provided contact information for possible partners: HUD; Farm Service Agency; Let's Move Cities, Towns and Counties and more
 - ▶ USDA WRO communications office provide assistance with press releases.
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WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE

- ▶ 2015 SFSP Partner Group – met in January
 - ▶ Nevada State Summer Meals Plan has been revised and updated with new goals
 - ▶ Continue to receive assistance from USDA to increase participation
 - ▶ Reaching out to school districts, tribes, and faith based organizations
 - ▶ Working with established sponsors to increase participation by adding more meal sites and expanding outreach
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- ▶ We can never do too much. As long as there are hungry children, there will be a need for the Summer Food Service Program.
- ▶ USDA national participation goal for 2015:
200 Million meals (7.5% increase)

**NEVADA 2015 PARTICIPATION GOAL: 56,000
(10% INCREASE)**



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